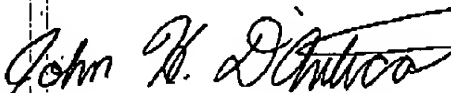


PATENT RESPONSE

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes this Response requires a one (1) month extension of time, for which Applicant hereby petitions, and requests that any and all applicable charges be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 232053. In addition, Applicant also makes this petition conditional in case Applicant inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for a different extension of time, in which case Applicant again requests that any and all applicable charges be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 232053. Applicant intends this authorization to be carried throughout the pendency of this Application, in full accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

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